



Rowde C of E Academy



Head Teacher's Letter 23

Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We very nearly managed a whole week back after lockdown, and would have succeeded if it wasn't for the electrical shenanigans on Wednesday. Thank you so much for supporting us in collecting your children and for your understanding in a situation that was out of our hands and entirely unwelcome. I have a few more grey hairs, if that's possible, but the electricity providers have promised us that all is now fixed. I hope we never have to do anything like that again...but never say never.

More positively, we have had 100% attendance over the last two days, and the school is buzzing with learning and laughter. It has been really special to see the children reacquainting with their classmates. We are doing baseline work to see precisely where every child is with their literacy and numeracy, and our Bubble Boosts each day are making sure that they won't miss out in the long-term because of the lockdown. Our Worship theme this week has been Optimism, and I know that we have everything in place to make their futures bright and brilliant.

Week ending 12th March

Learn Grow Love

After so many changes and children showing how resilient they are in adapting to change, we felt that our first value back at school had to be optimism. Hearing the laughter of our school community and feeling the buzz of learning certainly gives us hope for the future. We are so very proud of our children.

Optimism: Children and adults at Rowde are optimistic and have high hopes and aspirations for our future, our school and community. **Hope** for us means that there is always a positive future whatever situation we are in, because God promised to never leave us, to always love us, and to help us in times of need. It is more than wishing things could be better, it is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something to make this come about!

"Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold." 2 Corinthians 3.12

Every class voted for a class member who best demonstrated this value.
Well done to everyone, but a special well done to these children.

Birch	Molly
Willow	Stanley
Ash	Erin
Poplar	Abbie
Maple	Layla
Cedar	Ethan
Oak	Embry

Miss Simpson and I had the pleasure last week of reading all the World Book Day competition entries. We have some incredibly-talented writers here at Rowde, and it is no exaggeration to say there were laughs, tears and a few scary moments as we read. The imagination and effort of the entrants was superb, and we had a very difficult job choosing

our winners. Every entrant received a certificate and fountain pen today, and the overall winners (below) also received a book token. Well done everyone.

Year 1: Eva, *Alice in Rainbowland*

Year 2: Lucas and Logan, *Moles Erupt*

Year 3: Melissa, *Save the Oceans*

Year 4: Ethan, *The Ocelot and the Bear*

Year 5: Luisa, *The Steps You Take*

Year 6: Henry, *Nerds*

A quick word on school uniform:

As you know, we are back in to school uniform from March 8th. BUT, as we all know as parents, the shops are closed and it is difficult or impossible to replace items that have worn out, shrunk or got too small. Please don't worry if that's the case – the most important thing is that your brilliant kids are back at school, safe and learning.

I'll leave the final words to our brilliant Y6 teacher Mrs Morris, with the winners of our 3D Maths competition.

Have a lovely weekend,



Jon Edy-Berry

Head Teacher

Thank you to all the children who entered our Maths Competition last week!
Children used an enormous range of materials, and so many different interests were represented.
All the teachers found it really hard to judge their class winner, as the standard was very high and the subjects were so varied and interesting.
Congratulations to the 1st place winners for each class – everyone has received a special certificate and the winners will each be given a gift voucher.
Thank you - you are all amazingly creative 😊

Mrs Morris

Rowde Maths Day

It is WORLD MATHS DAY on Wednesday 3rd March 2021

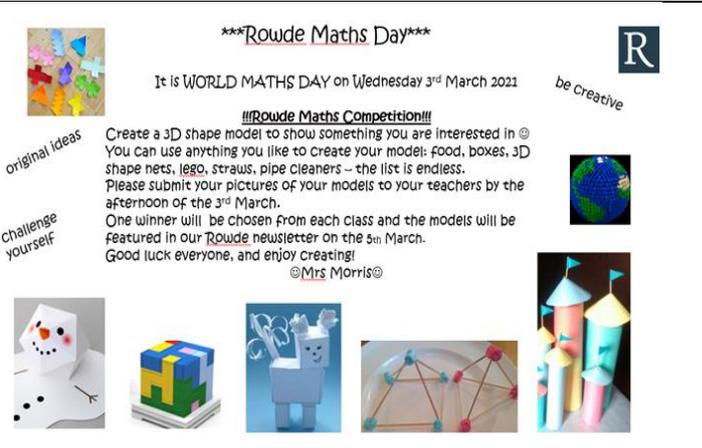
!!!Rowde Maths Competition!!!

Create a 3D shape model to show something you are interested in © You can use anything you like to create your model: food, boxes, 3D shape nets, lego, straws, pipe cleaners – the list is endless. Please submit your pictures of your models to your teachers by the afternoon of the 3rd March. One winner will be chosen from each class and the models will be featured in our Rowde newsletter on the 5th March. Good luck everyone, and enjoy creating!
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original ideas

Challenge yourself

be creative



Y6 Winner - Thomas

Thomas made this vehicle from a breeze block, so we thought it was a very clever use of materials. Thomas used a masonry saw - he wanted it to have 2 cuboids and cylindrical wheels.



Year 5 Winner - Ellie

Ellie created a lovely stationery set from scratch, with a special ruler in the shape of a triangular-prism - well done Ellie!



Year 4 Winner - Jackson

Jackson created an Xbox and the controller, using his own designs - the lid opens up and you can see the game inside - what a brilliant use of Lego for this project!



Year 3 Winner - Tiana

Tiana created a lovely scene of the 3 pyramids of Giza in Egypt, complete with palm tree and camels - well done Tiana!



Year 2 Winner - Zofia

Zofia used cube and cuboid nets to create her special cat - we all agreed it has plenty of character and is free-standing on its pipe cleaner legs - well done Zofia!



Year 1 Winner - Gregory

Gregory made his colourful, sparkly rocket from a plastic bottle and had lots of fun making it with his younger brother. He was so proud of his model, that he brought it into school to show his friends.



Reception Winner - Molly

Molly had lots of fun making and decorating her 3D space rocket. She expertly described the cylinder and cone for the nose. Well done Molly!

